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## News briefs

### Correction

The news brief in last week's paper, "Improve leave form timeliness," applies only to 52nd Mission Support Squadron members.

Although some of the suggestions may help leave form timeliness, the second bullet statement and final paragraphs don't apply to other base organizations.

Individual squadron commanders are the approving authority for advance leave not exceeding 30 days. Call your specific unit orderly room for more information regarding leave forms.

### Bitburg construction

Four parking lots in the Bitburg housing area will be repaved starting Aug. 3. Occupants of buildings 23 and 24 should park along the sidewalk of Brishetto Loop. As it comes time for the repaving of the parking lots for buildings 23/24, 29/30, 26/27 and 32/33, occupants should park along the sidewalk of Brishetto Loop.

Brishetto Loop will be designated a one-way road during construction. The one-way lane will be from the corner of Brishetto and Keene Moore Street, by Anthony's Pizza, proceeding counter-clockwise to the corner of Brishetto and McAree Circle, by the base exchange.

Traffic signs will be posted marking traffic direction. Drivers are asked to proceed with caution during construction.

Call Staff Sgt. Robert Lewis at 452-6747 for more information.

### Finance early closure

Wing finance closes at noon Aug. 4 for an official office function. Call customer service at 452-6730 for more information.

### Change of command

Lt. Col. Lorrie Cappellino assumes command of the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron from Col. Charles Mackett III at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bitburg gymnasium. Call Capt. Dewey Darden at 453-3363 for details.

### Airman court-martialed

An unusual court-martial took place from July 5-20. The court-martial was unusual not only because it involved multiple charges of theft and sale of government computer equipment over the internet by a trusted member of the 52nd Communications Squadron, but also because the accused was not physically present at his court-martial.

Senior Airman Douglas L. Saferite Jr., from the 52nd Communications Squadron, was tried in absentia and found guilty by a panel of court members of 23 specifications of stealing, attempting to sell, and selling United

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Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Capt. John Ohm, 81st Fighter Squadron pilot, gives Slovak spectators a close-up view of an A-10 during the open house at 33rd Air Force Base, Slovakia last week.

## Open house, hearts mark 81st deployment to Slovakia

By Capt. Glen Roberts  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 4,000 visitors were on hand last week as Spangdahlem airmen and aircraft marked their deployment to Slovakia with a joint open house.

The event, which featured static displays of the 81st Fighter Squadron's A-10, also showcased Slovakia's Russian-built SU-25 Frogfoot, the Warsaw Pact's answer to the A-10 and their primary air-to-ground weapon.

On display were SU-22 Fitters, an L-29 Delphin trainer aircraft, and several other types of military hardware, including U.S. Air Force fire trucks, weapons loaders, and civil engineering vehicles. MiG-21 Fishbed aircraft could also be seen in the background.

"Today couldn't have turned out any better," Col. Michael Beard, 52nd Operations Group commander, told a gathering of Eastern European journalists. "This was our way of giving back a little something to the Slovakian people who've welcomed us again so warmly to their country."

Though the event was significantly smaller than the first one held here in April, hundreds of people rushed to speak with pilots, maintainers, security forces personnel, and civil engineers, with airmen politely obliging requests for photos and autographs.

"I was surprised at how enthusiastic the Slovaks are towards us," said Master Sgt. Charles Pierce, 81st Fighter Squadron Unit Deployment manager. "It's almost like we're rock stars. This surpassed all my expectations."

People from throughout Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Austria came to the event, with hundreds walking from the nearby town of Kuchnya for the chance to see an A-10 up close. Kuchnya residents were also celebrating the 700th birthday of their town that day, so the event was particularly meaningful, said Slovakian Air Force Maj. Milos Krchnavy, public affairs officer for the 33rd Air Force base.

"The entire town is celebrating, and this open house helps us do that in grand style," he said.

As part of that celebration, several airmen from Spangdahlem participated in a friendly game of soccer on a joint US-Slovak military team, which played Kuchnya's official town team to a 1-1 draw. More than 800 people came out to see that game, held later Saturday afternoon.

Saturday's event marked the half-way point for a very successful deployment of eight A-10's and almost 200 people from Spangdahlem Air Base, said Capt. Brian James, project officer for the deployment.

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## USAFE commander gives views on leadership

*Setting and following through on goals key to mission accomplishment*

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force vision — Global vigilance, reach and power — is shaping airmen into a light, lean and lethal expeditionary force capable of conducting full-spectrum operations, said Gen. Gregory Martin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, during a visit with commanders and first sergeants here July

11.

In order for the 52nd Fighter Wing and USAFE, as a whole, to stay on track toward this vision, Martin stressed that we need to maintain high standards for life and security.

"This is the way we conduct ourselves, the way we treat each other," said Martin. "It's the way we take care of our work environment, off-duty environment,

housing, education, and medical. It's the way we fight for the parts and spares that we need."

Martin said it's just as important for leaders to pay attention to their people and know when and why people are unhappy.

"Leaders should always treat people

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## Slovakia

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"So far, everything's gone very smoothly," said James. "Our hosts have been great, the weather's cooperated, and we're getting some great training. Everyone is safely accomplishing the mission."

A typical day on the deployment features

12 to 16 flights to the Kuchnya tactical range, located about five miles from the 33rd Air Base in Malacky. There, pilots drop practice bombs and fire inert rounds from their aircraft guns at tactical targets built by the Slovakian Air Force. Pilots will have completed more than 140 sorties by the end of the deployment.

"That," said James, "is a tribute to the hard work of the maintainers, weapons

loaders, and logisticians who've worked some long hours to make this happen."

The deployment is the second one to the Slovak base in four months, following a bilateral memorandum of agreement between the two nations for use of the training range. The US currently has such agreements with Germany, Turkey and Hungary. A third deployment to Malacky will take place in September, when a 16th

Air Force unit will deploy to the base to complete the agreement.

The deployment officially ends today when all eight aircraft are expected to return to Spangdahlem. The deployed airmen will start their redeployment phase tomorrow, travelling in busses, vans and C-130 aircraft. The last few deployed airmen are expected to return by Wednesday.

## Martin

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with dignity and motivate them to work toward the goals of the Air Force," he added.

The general also urged commanders to set goals and objectives for their people.

Maintaining high standards for life and security is one of three goals that every USAF agency should be centering on, he said. The second goal is to create and maintain a light, lean, lethal and rapid expeditionary aerospace force that dominates its enemy and controls their environment.

Lastly, Martin said, we should maintain the infrastructure it takes to be an expeditionary base that can support a full spectrum of combat operations.

Martin recognized that to achieve these goals you must have motivated troops and this is where leadership comes into play. The general offered some insight on how to keep troops energized to accomplish the goals.

"We need to build a team that is ready to go to war and win," he said. To build a winning team one needs to set

objectives, communicate and motivate, measure performance, and continue self-development.

"Set objectives that are important to your people," said Martin. "Short-term goals put people on the path to accomplishing greater things."

Martin also urges commanders to take time to talk with and motivate their people through both commander's calls and organizational meetings in order to recognize those who have done their job well and to inspire the entire unit.

Another way to building a good team is to accurately measure your unit's mission accomplishments and performance. This is the only way to know if your organization is on the right track, he said.

Right along with building a good team, leaders need to know what their subordinates expect. From his experience, Martin said that clearly defined missions and expectations are important.

"They're expecting to hear from you about what the mission is — something they can understand — and what

you expect from them," Martin said.

"Never violate your people's sense of trust, dignity or hope," Martin added. "When people make mistakes, you have to critique them, but critique the performance, not the person. Don't make it personal."

By enhancing your unit work environment and helping your people fulfill their needs, you, as a leader can inspire your subordinates to accomplish unit and command goals and ultimately, align with the Air Force's vision of Global Vigilance, Reach and Power.

"According to the 1999 Gallup Poll, the U.S. military has the highest public trust - this includes clergy and the U.S. Supreme Court. Think about that," Martin added.

"You aren't just part of the U.S. Air Force, your leading the U.S. Air Forces," Martin told the crowd. "I think Gen. (Ronald) Fogleman (former Air Force chief of staff) said it best: 'Never forget we are entrusted with the United States' most precious treasure- its young men and women.'"

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States military property in violation of Articles 80, 108 and 121 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Saferite was arraigned on Jan. 11. An arraignment is an initial proceeding in a trial where an accused is presented with the charges, enters pleas, and decides whether he/she wishes to be tried by a panel of members or by military judge. At the time of arraignment, the military judge warned Saferite that if he voluntarily absented himself from the court proceedings at any time, the trial could proceed in his absence. Saferite was then placed in deserter status shortly after he fled from pretrial confinement in the early morning hours of March 2, just days prior to his scheduled court-martial. After diligent efforts to locate Saferite and to return him to military control, the case proceeded to trial on July 5. Currently, Saferite continues to be in deserter status.

The charges that formed the basis of the court-martial arose in the aftermath of Operation Allied Force, between June and October 1999, when Saferite, on multiple occasions, stole numerous valuable computer processors, two laptop computers,

and several computer network components valued at approximately \$100,000 from the base Network Control Center. Saferite then attempted to sell and actually sold some of those items over an Internet auction site to buyers throughout the United States. Saferite was due to separate from the military on Oct. 6, 1999. On the night before his final outprocessing appointment, Saferite stole more than \$40,000 worth of government property.

A panel of five court members sentenced Saferite to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for six years, a fine of \$14,565 and reduction to the grade of E-1. The fine was based upon the amount of money that Saferite actually received for the stolen military property that he sold to the buyers in the United States.

### NATO Medal approved

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Secretary of Defense recently approved the wear of the NATO Medal by U.S. service members and civilians for operations related to Kosovo. Eligibility criteria for the medal are:

■ Participation in NATO operations

related to Kosovo (Oct. 13, 1998 to a date to be determined) for 30 days (continuous or accumulated) in the area of eligibility. The AOE is the land, at sea, or in the air space of Kosovo; other territories of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY: Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Slovenia); Albania, Macedonia, and the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

■ Aircrews participating in OPERATION Allied Force between March 24, 1999-June 10, 1999 with 15 sorties into Kosovo and FRY.

■ Aircrews who didn't participate in OAF, accumulate one day of qualifying service for the first sortie flown on any day.

■ Injured requiring subsequent evacuation from the defined AOE, regardless of time in the area.

■ 90 days (continuous or accumulated) within the territories of Italy, Greece, and Hungary in direct support of NATO operations conducted in the AOE.

Air Force Personnel Center officials say only one NATO Medal/ribbon is authorized for wear. "Therefore, service members will wear the NATO Medal they were awarded

first and should they become eligible for the other NATO Medal, it would be indicated by a bronze service star on the first NATO Medal. U.S. service members are not authorized the wear of numeric symbols on either NATO Medal."

Members or units who believe they're authorized the award should provide documentation, such as copies of official orders and travel vouchers, decorations, EPRs/OPRs, flight logs, etc., that assign them to one of the approved operations to their servicing military personnel flight career enhancement element to verify their entitlement. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

### Air Force e-mail survey

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — A representative sample of active-duty Air Force members will soon receive the first e-mail survey in their electronic mail-boxes.

A random sample of 40,000 to 45,000 active-duty officer and enlisted members will be asked to participate in a "mini" quality of life survey in late July or early August. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

# MEDCEUR concludes

## *Wing members return from Romania*

Members of the 52nd Air Expeditionary Group returned from Romania this week following a 2-week deployment for exercise Medical Central and Eastern Europe 00-2.

In the spirit of the Partnership for Peace program, MEDCEUR is a Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise held in conjunction with Marine Forces Europe-led exercise Rescue Eagle 2000, said Col. Chuck Mackett, 52nd AEG commander. Exercise medical forces and staffs conducted mock disaster relief operations, humanitarian assistance and real-world medical care for U.S. forces involved in both exercises, as well as emergency care for foreign forces.

In addition to host Romania and the United States, other nations that actively took part in Rescue Eagle include Germany, France, Moldova, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Observers from South Africa, Slovenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan were also in country. There were more than 50 people from Spangdahlem that deployed. Forces were operating out of three different locations across Romania, most at Babadag Training Range.



photos by Staff Sgt. Rich Romero

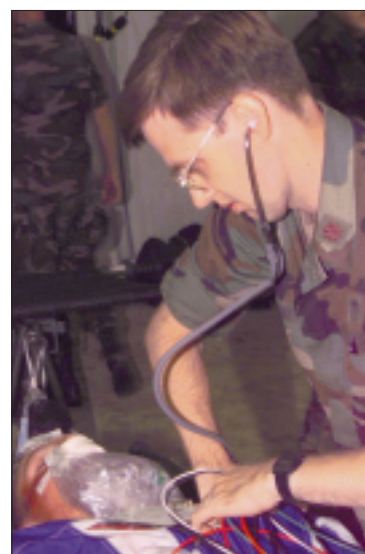
(Above) Staff Sgt. Oscar Butler Jr., EMEDS medical material craftsman, consoles a Romanian infant who received vaccinations and a well-baby check during a humanitarian civic assistance visit to the Babadag village orphanage. (Below) One of two UH-60Q Blackhawk medical evacuation helicopters from the Tennessee Army National Guard drop off members of the 52nd Air Expeditionary Group in C.A. Rosetti, Romania, for a humanitarian civic assistance.



Capt. (Dr.) Jessica Mitchell, Expeditionary Medical Support system chief of staff, applies hydrocortisone cream to a rash on a child in C.A. Rosetti, Romania, during a humanitarian civic assistance trip July 16.



(Above) Members of the 52nd Air Expeditionary Group assemble the frame for the dental clinic, the second of six modules on the Expeditionary Medical Support system. (Right) Maj. (Dr.) Todd Poindexter, Expeditionary Medical Support system ambulance and emergency services chief, assesses the condition of a simulated earthquake victim during a mock disaster relief exercise.





## German states get tough on 'dangerous' dogs

### Rheinland-Pfalz dog ordinance puts leash on aggressive canines

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** - Dog owners in Germany now have to contend with new legislation aimed at curbing the growing number of canine attacks on people.

Recent unprovoked attacks - including one that resulted in the death of a 6-year-old boy in Hamburg - have forced German states to implement new, stricter laws governing "dangerous dogs."

According to the legislation, "Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and their cross-breeds are considered to be dangerous dogs," said Matthias L. Völker, an attorney for the 86th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate.

The state of Rheinland-Pfalz, which encompasses Spangdahlem and Ramstein air bases, along with the Kaiserslautern Military Community adopted a new ordinance July 11.

Called the Dangerous Dog Ordinance, the law defines dangerous dogs as animals that either:

- are known to be vicious,



Rebecca Lanuza and her British Bulldog "Mugzy" relax in the Bitburg Military Housing common area. Mugzy currently remains unaffected by the newly instated Dangerous Dog Ordinance, because he hasn't shown "unusual aggressiveness."

- have indicated an inclination to attack game or livestock,

- have attacked people, or

- have shown unusual aggressiveness.

"Basically, the DDO prohibits the breeding, attack training and trade of these dogs," said Völker.

In Rheinland-Pfalz, the dogs may be required to be neutered and must be registered with local Offices of Public Order. Under the DDO, a qualified veterinarian must also implant an electronic chip on these dogs for identification purposes, he said.

Völker said if a dog is lost, given away or under the custody of someone else for more than four weeks, the owner must notify local authorities.

In public areas, including common areas in multi-family housing, the dogs must be on a leash and wear a muzzle. Dog owners may ask for a muzzle exemption if the dog poses no threat to the public.

The law states a person must be at least 18 years of age to walk a dog in public. The person must be physically able to control the dog, and only one dog may be walked at a time, Völker said.

The ordinance contains limited "grandfather clauses" for current owners and breeders of dangerous dogs.

Violators of the new law face administrative fines of up to 10,000 DM, or about \$5,000. (USAFE News Service)

## Defense department aims at ending harassment

**WASHINGTON** — The Department of Defense announced a 13-point action plan designed to eliminate all forms of harassment, including that based on sexual orientation, during a Pentagon briefing July 21.

The plan was developed by a working group comprising senior civilian and military officials from each service, established at the direction of Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and chaired by Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste.

"Treatment of all individuals with dignity and respect is essential to good order and discipline," DiBattiste said.

"Commanders and leaders must develop and maintain a climate that fosters unit cohesion, esprit de corps, and mutual respect for all members of the command or organization," she said.

According to the undersecretary, DOD will be issuing a single department-wide directive making it clear that mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures, including those based on sexual orientation, are not acceptable. The directive also mandates that commanders and leaders will be held accountable for failure to enforce this anti-harassment policy.

The working group was originally established by Cohen to review the DOD Inspector General's "Report on the Military Environment with Respect to the Homosexual Conduct Policy," and to develop an action plan to address the

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findings of the report, said Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Bernard Rostker.

"Secretary Cohen approved the working group's action plan and has directed that it be forwarded to the services for implementation," Rostker said.

The 13-points included in the action plan are:

- The DOD should adopt an overarching principle regarding harassment, including that is based on sexual orientation.

- The DOD should issue a single department-wide directive on harassment.

- The services shall ensure feedback or reporting mechanisms are in place to measure homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training effectiveness in the following three areas: knowledge, behavior, and climate.

- The services shall review all

homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they address the elements and intent of the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive.

- The services shall review homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs annually to ensure they contain all information required by law and policy, including the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive, and are tailored to the grade and responsibility levels of their audiences.

- The services shall review all avenues for reporting mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures to ensure they facilitate effective leadership response.

- The services shall ensure homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs address all avenues to report mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures and ensure people receiving reports of mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures know how to handle these reports.

- The services shall ensure that directives, guidance, and training clearly explain the application of the "don't ask, don't tell," policy in the context of receiving and reporting complaints of mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures.

- The services shall ensure that commanders and leaders take appropriate

action against anyone who engages in mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures.

- The services shall ensure that commanders and leaders take appropriate action against anyone who condones or ignores mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures.

- The services shall examine homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they provide tailored training on enforcement mechanisms.

- The services shall ensure inspection programs assess adherence to the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive through measurement of knowledge, behavior, and climate.

- The services shall determine the extent to which homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs, and the implementation of this action plan, are effective in addressing mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures.

The Defense Department's announcement of the anti-harassment guidelines followed the Army's release of its inspector general's report on the allegations of violations of the DOD Homosexual Conduct Policy at Fort Campbell, Ky., which resulted in the beating death of a young soldier July 5, 1999.

# Astronaut shares 'space' with Spangdahlem

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

"You won't be able to anticipate exactly what the world will be like or where you'll be in future, but getting a good education helps you to adapt and possibly lead it," shared Dr. (Brig. Gen.) Ron Sega. Dozens of school-aged children squirmed in their seats with excitement as they listened to the NASA astronaut who visited Spangdahlem July 19.

Sega not only spoke on the importance of knowledge as an accomplished astronaut, he also spoke of its importance as an U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserves serving as the mobilization assistant to the Space Warfare Center commander, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and as dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

His passion for space travel began in the third grade as he sat with his class and witnessed on black and white television, the first U.S. space launch with Allen Shepard in 1961.

Shortly afterward, U.S. President John F. Kennedy challenged the United States to become the first country to reach the

moon and return by the end of the decade.

"We were going to do this not because it was easy, but because it was hard," Sega said. "So some of the things you're doing that seem difficult to do, such as studying, are well worth the effort because getting a good education is going to open a lot of doors for you."

Growing up in a blue-collar community, Sega said he didn't think it possible for him to travel into space because then, astronauts were test pilots and neither he nor his family, had ever even flown in an airplane. Regardless, he studied hard in school and continued his dream of reaching space. His hard work paid off and he was admitted to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"I traveled there in my first airplane ride," Sega shared. "When I arrived I called home and my family asked me about the academy and I said, 'Well, first let me tell you about the airplane ride!'"

Concentrating on his studies, Sega graduated the Academy with a degree in math and physics.

"This was special to us too because I was the first member of the family to graduate college," Sega said. "Still, I never really thought I'd fly in space."

However, the academy graduate would find his hard work was worthwhile.

"It turns out on my first flight in 1994 aboard the space shuttle discovery, two things happened - I got to go into space and I flew with Russian cosmonauts." The cosmonauts were from the Mir Space Station of the former U.S.S.R.

After sharing his experience aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery, Sega answered children's questions concerning space travel, sparking the interest of some and encouraging others to consider a space-related career in the future. Here's a few of the questions the children asked:

■What did the food taste like?

It tastes pretty good. You can find food similar to what we ate in space at the Outdoor Recreation store.

■What kind of tests do you have to do before going into space?

First, study hard throughout elementary school and college. Get a technical bachelor's degree in engineering, science or math. Next, get a Ph.D. or a medical degree. Then, you enter with your class into more mission specific training.

■How long does it take to get into



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

**Dr. (Brig. Gen.) Ron Sega, NASA astronaut, spoke about the importance of getting a good education during his visit here July 19. Sega also shared his experiences in space and answered questions.**

space?

From launch to space entry it took 8.5 minutes.

■How did you take a bath?

Like camping, you take a sponge bath with a wet washcloth. We also used sudsless shampoo to wash our hair. You rinse it out with a wet cloth. A shower feels really good when you get back to the Earth.



## Community Mailbox

### Volunteers needed

Airmen Against Drunk Drivers needs volunteers for drivers 1-6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and for dispatch, 1-6 a.m. Sunday. Call Senior Airman Amanda Gonzales at 452-6543 for details.

### Car wash

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight car wash is Saturday at Spangdahlem, building 103. Donations raised go to the 2000 EOD Scholarship and Memorial Fund. Call Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Shimmel at 452-6266 for details.

### Tiny Toes

Tiny Toes, a children's playgroup for newborns to age 2, meets 11 a.m. weekly on Monday in the Bitburg temporary lodging facility playground. Call Glenna Sutton for details at 06561-941978.

### Dental closed

The dental clinic is closed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 4 for an assumption of command. Call Tech. Sgt. Glynda Lilly at 452-8192 for details.

### Softball tournament

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1681 Softball Tournament is Aug. 5-6. Games will be played in round-robin format using intramural rules. Top teams will be awarded cash prizes.

Cost is \$150 per team. Call Master Sgt. David Johnson at 453-3345 or e-mail david.johnson@spangdahlem.af.mil.

### Blood donation

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron sponsors a blood drive 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 9 in building 124. Three hours of only light labor after blood donation is suggested



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

### Blue carpet treatment

23rd Fighter Squadron members show their families the unit's facilities and equipment on July 21 during "Blue Carpet Day." The annual event offers families the opportunity to see how the squadron accomplishes its mission.

by the medical clinic. Call Senior Airman Christopher Jones at 452-6738 for details.

### Extreme summer

The Harlem Ambassadors play at Spangdahlem at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Spangdahlem fitness center. Call the base community center at 452-6567 for details.

### Messages from Home

The Stars and Stripes AT&T Message from Home program is looking for family members or friends to send messages to troops deployed downrange.

The program runs Aug. 1 through Dec. 27. Messages received by e-mail will be printed in the Stars and Stripes on Tuesdays.

Send messages to messages@mail.e(no hyphen)stripes.osd.mil. Call Mandy Smith-Nethercott at DSN 349-8357 or commercial 49-06155-601357 for more information.

### Octoberfest trip

The SSEMC sponsors a trip to the

Munich Oktoberfest celebration Sept. 23. The trip is open to military members 18 and older, non-military members 21 and older. Cost is 90 DM for members, 95 DM for non-members. Cost includes round-trip transportation. Call Shawn Hamilton at 06575-959135 or Christine Coatney at 06565-942202 for details.

### Spangdahlem Elementary

Registration for Spangdahlem Elementary students, grades kindergarten through 4th grade, is open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children turning age 5 by Oct. 31 are eligible for kindergarten.

The school is also accepting applications for substitute teachers. Call 452-6881 for more information.

### Spangdahlem Middle School

Spangdahlem Middle School needs teaching and nursing substitutes. Call the main office at 452-7205 from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. for details.

### School transportation

Students registered for school before Aug. 1 should receive an information package with a bus pass in the mail by Aug. 15. Registration after Aug. 1 for school bus service is held in the school bus office in building 459 on Spangdahlem.

Sponsors should bring a copy of DD Form 600, School Registration. Customer service hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call the Eifel school bus office at DSN 452-5340 or commercial 06565-615340 for more information.

### School summer hours

Families new to the local community are invited to register their children 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily during the summer with Spangdahlem Elementary School. Call 452-6881 for details.

### Education center news

■The next commissioning briefing is at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 3. Call for registration.

■Active-duty members deployed on "real world" orders in direct and full support of military operations in contingency areas qualify for 100 percent Tuition Assistance for Distant Learning courses.

■Nominations for Community College of the Air Force degree candidates must arrive at CCAF by Aug. 25.

■The Financial Aid Student Guide is available online. The free financial aid application is also available on the site. Visit [www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html).

■Walk-in education counseling services are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday in building 192. Call or visit the center at 452-6063 for details.

# Tick bites may be more than just annoying

By Elke Zschaebitz  
52nd Medical Group

Lyme disease is a tick-borne disease caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* that may be transmitted to humans.

If treated in a timely fashion, debilitation and chronic illness can be avoided. Transmission of the bacterium, or spirochete, is by one of several tick species which are prevalent in the Eifel area.

### How it's transmitted

The spirochete from the tick is transmitted on the skin and can spread through the blood and reach the central nervous system ensuing in chronic or recurrent arthritis, myocarditis, pericarditis or meningitis and can even result in death.

The incidence of Lyme disease used to be confined to the

Bavarian region, but has slowly migrated to this area and incidence of tick bites and Lyme disease has risen significantly in the past few years. However, not all ticks carry the *Borrelia burgdorferi* spirochete.

Ticks live in tangled woods such as those found in parks or hiking paths and tend to attach to ferns, low bushes and high grass. They are attracted to bright colors, perfumes and hairsprays.

In mild winters, such as the one this past, ticks proliferate on deer and small rodents such as mice.

### Prevention

The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to check for ticks in your hair and on your body or clothing after returning from a walk in a grassy or woody area. Avoid wearing bright clothing and try to cover arms and legs. Tick repellants containing DEET are also helpful.

### Symptoms and care

If bitten, notify your health care provider. If the Lyme spirochete has entered the circulatory system, the following signs or symptoms may occur:

■A large red circular lesion, usually more than 2 inches may appear on the body.

■Headache, neck stiffness, fever and joint pain.

■Facial paralysis on one or both sides of the face.

If one or more of these signs occurs after a tick bite, call the Spangdahlem medical clinic at 452-8142 or the Bitburg clinic at 453-3400 for more information and treatment.

## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Bitburg Castle

Today

**Titan A.E. (PG)**

Earth is destroyed by an attacking race of aliens known as the Drej. A human teenager, has a map given to him by his father which will lead him to the Titan, a starship which contains the last survivors of the planet, and can lead him to a new Earth. However, the Drej want Cale dead. Animated.

Saturday

**Titan A.E. (PG)**

Sunday

**Titan A.E. (PG)**

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

**Frequency (PG-13)**

What if you had the chance to travel back in time and change just one event in your life? John Sullivan would undo the events when a fire took the life of his father. Now John may get exactly what he wished for and much more than he bargained for.

Thursday

**Flintstones, Viva Rock Vegas (PG)**

Fred and Barney are on top of the world, and life couldn't be better. In Bedrock, Fred ends up falling head over heels in love with Wilma, while Barney and Betty become inseparable. Together they whisk away on a BC-10 for a romantic weekend in Rock Vegas.

### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

**Me, Myself and Irene (R)**

When he forgets to take his medication, a state trooper with Multiple Personality Disorder finds himself fighting over the same woman, with his aggressive alter-ego.

Saturday

**Me, Myself and Irene (R)**

Sunday

**Held Up (PG-13)**

Mike's having a bad day. But, things take a real turn for the worse when he stops inside the local convenience store to make a call and finds himself stuck in the middle of a hold-up.

Monday

**Where the Heart Is (PG-13)**

A pregnant teenager from Tennessee running away to California with her boyfriend finds herself abandoned by him at a store in Oklahoma.

Tuesday

**Joe Gould's Secret (R)**

Joe Gould's Secret is the true story of two men, one of whom would tell the other's story: famed The New Yorker writer Joseph Mitchell and New York bohemian Joe Gould.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 453-7541.

## Idar Oberstein: a treasure of gems, stones

Holiday resort town dazzles the eyes with jewels, castles, grotto-style church

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Between the vast basin of the Isle de France and the middle Rhine, the Saar-Nahe basin forms a geological link. This basin also forms the border of the southern edge of the Rhineland Schiefergebirge and the sandstone uplands of the northern Palatinate which slope down toward the Nahe River. Right on the border lies the town of Idar-Oberstein, one of Germany's most interesting holiday resorts, surrounded by beautiful Hunsrueck countryside.

The picturesque town of 40,000 inhabitants, is known as "the town of gems."

With its specialized industry, Institute for Gem Research is the first and only diamond and gem exchange in the world. The "German Gemological Society" with a gem testing institute, technical schools and permanent exhibitions has helped Idar Oberstein become the European center of gem and diamond processing and one of Germany's leading jewelry towns.

The famous German Gem Museum or Deutsches Edelsteinmuseum, features a display of every type of gem in the world, in both the rough and the polished state, and people can learn about the traditional craft of the cutter and goldsmith. Visit the historic Weiherschleife or Gem Cutting Center where people can go into the caves of the Steinkaulenberg. Here are glittering veins of precious stones. Some of the old cutting works are still operated by water wheels.

Idar-Oberstein's most common minerals include rock crystals, amethysts, opals, rubies, emeralds, topaz, diamonds and other precious stones — many of which are still found in the area of a former volcanic zone.

Tourists visit Idar-Oberstein year-round to hunt for minerals in hillside fields and on cliff walls. They search in quarries for agate, jasper, chalcedony and amethyst. Access to search areas, however, is only available with the permission of the tenant or owner, and visitors enter the areas at their own risk.

People can safely wander around on the trails of the old "stone-miners." A forest trail takes them past more than 30 tunnels which join up inside the mountain to form an extensive labyrinth. The Steinkaulenberg is a monument which brought the "gem town" into existence.

A visit to the historic mines situated within a nature conservation area, with their numerous tunnels and galleries, is an unforgettable experience for anyone. Mineral collectors can, for a small fee, dig for treasure in areas especially set aside for them.

Idar-Oberstein is a veritable paradise for jewelry shopping but also features a number of interesting tourist sites as well as plenty



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**One attraction in Idar-Oberstein is the Felsenkirche or "Church in the Rock," originally constructed in 1482.**

of entertainment.

Take a walk along the picturesque old houses in the valley or stroll through the little marketplace of Oberstein. Few visitors can resist the attraction of the Felsenkirche or Church in the Rock. Those who brave the steep ascent to the church are rewarded with a magnificent view of the town and the discovery of treasures within the church.

Built by Wirich IV of Daun-Oberstein in 1482-84, the church was restored in 1929 and 1980. With its unique setting in a grotto, the steep face of the cliff, the church has become a symbol for the town.

In a beautiful location high above Oberstein stand the two castles — the Old Castle on the Church Rock dating back to 1197, and the New Castle, which was built around 1330 and destroyed by a fire in 1855. The two castles are surrounded by a wooded parking area containing many rare trees. From the cliff path leading to the castles there are splendid views right down into the heart of the town.

The Historic Copper Mine near Fischbach and the Herrenberg Slate Mine near Bundenbach are both open to visitors and well worth seeing. The Hambachtal Hunsrueck Leisure Park near Birkenfeld provides unlimited enjoyment with its wide variety of attractions.

Gems, caves, castles and other historical sites make Idar-Oberstein a jewel of a tour.



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■The community of Kyllburg invites their American friends and neighbors to the town's 1200-year-celebration today through Monday. On schedule are a historical market on old days of the festival, starting today, at 9 a.m.; sports, games, concerts and entertainment in the festival tent and a variety of food specialties. Among the highlights are a great festival parade, Sunday, at 2 p.m. with all the participating groups entertaining at the festival tent following the parade; a knight's dinner with medieval music performed on original instruments, Sunday, at 6 p.m. and special performances by the popular dance formation Mini-Mouse, Monday, at 6 p.m.; an open air concert with the Juke-Box at 3 p.m.; and oldie night with the

Buddy Caine Band, Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. and a festival concert by the Saar Rock Project band, Saturday, at 10:30 p.m. at the festival tent. Entry to the concerts range from DM 8 to DM 15.

■Enjoy the Bitburg Summer Mosaic, an event featuring music, entertainment, art and fun for the entire family, now through Aug. 30. The majority of events takes place Saturdays, starting at 7 p.m.

■Visit a flea market Sunday in front of the Wittlich Hela Baupark; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; at the Daun Bahnhof or train station; along the Kinheim Mosel shore; and at the Schweich Gervvergebiet. Markets set up as early as 9 a.m., however can't sell the merchandise before 11 a.m. Flea markets usually close down at 6 p.m.,

depending on weather conditions. Anyone interested in setting up a booth may just show up by 8 a.m. at the location of their choice. Set up fees usually range from DM 15 to 30 per square meter.

■Trier sponsors weekly markets all day Tuesdays and Friday mornings on Viehmarkt Platz located in the pedestrian zone. At the market people can find fresh fruit, vegetables and flowers.

■A jazz concert by the Phil Abraham Quartet featuring Scott Hamilton takes place Thursday in Trier at 7:30 p.m. at the Brunnenhof, located inside the court yard near the Porta Nigra. Entry is DM 6.

■The Herforst music association invites people from Spangdahlem Air

Base to a music festival Saturday through Monday. A special German-American night takes place July 30 with the 35-member Advocate Brass Band from Danville, Ken., as the guest band. Following the concert in Herforst, the band plays in Heidelberg and various towns in Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands during a 12-day European concert tour. It's the first international tour the band has taken.

■Get your ticket now for the Salmthal Aetzboden Festival Saturday and Sunday, featuring rock music for all ages, performed by various local bands. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund newspaper office at 0651-7199-0 and ask for the TV Ticket Service office.